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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

The University of Mississippi School of Law Professor of Law and Leonard B. Melvin, Jr., Lecturer	2015-present
The University of Mississippi School of Law Jessie D. Puckett, Jr., Lecturer and Associate Professor of Law Courses: Constitutional Law, International Law, Disability, Civil Rights, International Human Rights, Critical Race Theory and Gender and the Law	2008-2015
University of Mississippi's Honors College	2013-present
University of Mississippi's Croft Institute for International Studies	Spring 2014-present
The University of Houston Law Center Visiting Associate Professor	Spring 2013
Supervising Professor for the Human Rights Externship Program in South Africa	2012-
CLEO Summer Program	Summer 2012
Seton Hall University School of Law Cairo Summer Program	Summer 2008-2010
The University of Baltimore School of Law	2006-2007
American College of law Adjunct Professor of Law	Spring 2007
The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Assistant Professor of Law Course Load: Property I and II, Wills and Trusts, Critical Race Theory, Feminist Jurisprudence	2003-2008

## **EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, Boston, M.A.	Juris Doctor, (June 2000)
Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. English and French with background in Philosophy Phi Beta Kappa Valedictorian	Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, (May 1996)

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Property, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, International Law, Wills and Trusts, Disability Law, Human Rights, Critical Race Theory, Immigration Law, and Gender and the Law.

## SCHOLARSHIP

### PUBLICATIONS

#### A) BOOK

1. *SEXPLOITATION: SEXUAL PROFILING AND THE ILLUSION OF GENDER* (December 2014, Routledge)

#### B) LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

1. *Dance Halls, Masquerades, Body Protest and The Law: The Female Body as a Redemptive Tool Against Trinidad's Gender-Biased Laws*, 13 Duke J. of Gender L. & Pol'y 177 (2006) (This article is also reproduced in the Caribbean Review of Gender Studies, which is an online journal published by the University of West Indies' Center for Gender Studies)

2. *Individual Rights and Civil Liberties in Post-911 American Immigration Practices: Do Human Rights Still Matter?* Oxford Round Table's Forum on Public Policy, Volume 2, Number 2, (2006)

3. *At the Intersection of Post-911 Immigration Practices and Domestic Policies: Can Katrina Serve as a Catalyst for Change?* 26 Chicana/o-Latina/o L. Rev. 155 (2006)

4. *Big Love: Is Feminist Polygamy an Oxymoron or a True Possibility?* 18 Hastings Women's L.J. 3 (2007)

5. *Lessons from Islamic Law: A Case for Expanding the American Conception of Surviving Spouse So As to Include De Facto Polygamous Spouses*, 64 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 1461 (2007)

6. *Love Don't Live Here Anymore: Economic Incentives for More Equitable Models of Urban Redevelopment*, 35 B.C. Envtl. Aff. L. Rev. 1 (2008)

7. *When Freedom Is Not Free: Investigating the First Amendment's Potential for Providing Protection Against Sexual Profiling in the Workplace* (William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law, Volume 15, Issue 2, winter 2009)

8. *Girls Gone Wild and Rape Law: Revising the Contractual Concept of Consent and Insuring an Unbiased Application of "Reasonable Doubt" When the Victim Is Non-Traditional*, (American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law, Volume 17, Number 1, 2009)

9. *Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and Moral Dirigisme: Toward a Reformation of Drugs and Prostitution Regulations*" (UMKC Law Review, 78 UMKC L. Rev. 101)

10. *We Reap What We Sow: Reversing Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to in Mississippi and Haiti* (*University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change*, 14 U. Pa. J.L. & Soc. Change 135, 2011)

11) *Justice Kagan's Presidential Administration: A Step too Far or a Necessary Solution?* (46 IND. L. REV. 265 (2013))

12) *First Comes Legalization, Then Comes What? Tips for Washington and Colorado to Help Break the Cycle of Selective Prosecution and Disproportionate Sentencing* (91 OR. L. REV. 1253)

#### C) BOOK CHAPTERS

1. *Black Venus Hottentot Revisited: Gratuitous Use of Black Women's Bodies and the Role of Race and Gender in Campus and Academic Reactions*, (RACE TO INJUSTICE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUKE UNIVERSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS' RAPE CASE, Carolina Academic Press). The book's editor is Professor Michael Seigel (University of Florida College of Law) (invited)

2. *Navigating the Topography of Inequality: A Proposal for Remediating Past Geographic Segregation during Post-Disaster Rebuilding* (LAW, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY, Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professor Robin Paul Malloy)

3. *The New Faces of Feminism: Using Organic Feminism to Achieve Justice for Women in the Post-Feminism Era* (TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF LAW, edited by Martha Albertson Fineman and published by Routledge) (invited)

4. *Eradicating the Badge of Inferiority Associated with Stay at Home Dads: Masculinity, Vulnerability, Disability and the Employment Context* (ETHICS, LAW & SOCIETY (Volume V, Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professors Nicky Priaux of Cardiff Law School (UK) and Anthony Wrigley of Keele University (UK).) (Invited)

#### D) BOOK PROJECTS

THE NEW FRONTIERS OF CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2015)

#### E) MEDIA

Guest on the Radio Program "In Legal Terms" to speak about Police Brutality

*Black Like Me: One Drop, No difference?* (invited), essay in Ebony Magazine (May 2011)

*Personhood: a Threat to Families*, Op-ed, The Clarion Ledger, (September 25, 2011)

*Amendment Would Threaten Women*, Op-ed, The Commercial Appeal, (October 19, 2011)

Quoted in the Los Angeles Times, The Huffington Post, My Fox Boston as well as in Italy's L'Occidentale and the Il Foglio

*Will you Vote Be Counted in November?* essay in Ebony Magazine (July 2012)

#### F) INVITATIONS

1) Invited to present at a symposium (February 23, 2008) organized by the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law. The Symposium is entitled: “Not that Kind of Girl: the Legal Treatment of Women Defying Traditional Gender Roles”. The invitation also included an offer to publish in the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law.

2) Invited to write a book review of SOUTHERN HORRORS (published by Harvard University Press and written by Crystal N. Feimster, Assistant Professor at Yale University). The review is forthcoming in the American Journal of Legal History in the fall of 2011.

3) Invited to write an entry on *Perdue v. Kenny A.* in the November 2009 issue of American Bar Association’s Supreme Court Preview.

4) Keynote Speaker at the University of Mississippi Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony, April 2014.

#### G) VISITING SCHOLAR WITH THE FEMINISM AND LEGAL THEORY PROJECT AT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Fall 2007

Invited to be a visiting scholar with The Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT Project) created and organized by Martha Fineman.

#### H) REVIEW OF BOOK PROPOSAL

Reviewed book proposal on Race and Property Law by Professors Alfred Brophy, Alberto Lopez and Kali N. Murray for Aspen Publishing.

#### I) PRESENTATIONS

Presentation at the University of Kentucky School of Law, November 21, 2014 on panel discussing children and poverty.

Presentation at the University of Missouri School law as part of our faculty exchange program, October 30, 2014 (on Sexploitation book, specifically, the chapter entitled “who are you calling a ‘B’?”).

Traveled to Tanzania at the request of the Colom Foundation in order to interview and select attorneys for participation in the Tanzania Law Program starting next spring and fall. This program is sponsored by the Colom Foundation and the University of Mississippi, October 2014.

Served as panelist on the “*Changing Racial Landscape*”, October 2014, sponsored by the William Winter Institute for Reconciliation.

Served as panelist on law and culture panel, September 2014, sponsored by the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

Presentation at the Kellogg Conference on Race and Sustainability in Detroit, May 2014.

Served as Panelist on Loving Panel, March 2014, sponsored by the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

*"Law and Social Engineering,"* organized two panels (one of pedagogy and the other on social engineering) for this regional conference, 2014 Southeast/Southwest people of color conference organized two panels, February 2014, Texas Southern School of Law, Houston, TX.

*"Parallels between the American and Tanzanian Legal System,"* International Meeting, Tanzania, March 2014.

*"Rethinking Mass Incarceration,"* member of planning committee and served as moderator for conference on mass incarceration, (The conference was sponsored by the law school, the Isom Center, the William Winter Institute, the English Department, etc.), April 2014.

*"Diasporic Black Feminist Thought and the Life of the Law: Building Theory at the Crossroads,"* 7th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), Santo Domingo, October 2013.

*"Brown vs. Board of Education, Today and Beyond,"* Organized a symposium on Educational Opportunity with a showing of documentary on the integration of the Memphis School System, followed by a panel discussion with Professor and filmmaker Daniel Kiel, Sept. 2014, University of Mississippi School of law, Oxford, MS, September 2013.

Moderated panel for Racial Reconciliation Week, September 2013, sponsored by the Athletic Department and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

*"Current Constitutional Law issues,"* Constitutional Law Day panel, University of Mississippi School of Law, 2013-2014.

*"First Comes Legalization, Then Comes What? Tips for Washington and Colorado to Help Break the Cycle of Selective Prosecution and Disproportionate Sentencing,"* conference on drug laws at the University of Oregon School of Law, Oregon, April 2013.

*"Duplication of Hierarchies in International Adoption: A call to Revise the 'Best Interests' Standard in the Adoption Context,"* LatCrit Conference, Summer 2013, Puerto Rico.

*"The Ongoing Struggle for Educational Equality in the United States,"* Texas Southern University School of Law, February 2013, Houston TX.

*"Lessons from Mississippi: the Personhood Movement and the Future of Reproductive Rights,"* 2012 Law and Society Conference, Hawaii, June 2012.

*"Meaning of Occupy Wall Street Today and Beyond,"* SEALS Conference, Florida, July 2012.

*"Current Reproductive Rights Issues,"* SEALS Conference, Florida, July 2012.

*“Legal Issues Raised by the Trayvon Martin Case,”* panel organized by BLSA, University of Mississippi School of Law, April 2012.

*“What’s in a Name...?”* Luncheon Speaker on the legal treatment of "deviant women" at the Isom Center, University of Mississippi, March 2012.

*“How to Prepare for Law School,”* Black Students Association, University of Mississippi, February 2012.

*“Black History Month and BLSA,”* organized by BLSA, University of Mississippi School of Law, February 2012.

*Organized a national conference on “International and Domestic Models of Sustainability for Poor Populations of the Rural South”* (Sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Law, the William Winter Institute, the Isom Center and the Black Law Students Association), November 2011, Oxford, MS.

*“Race, Gender and Inefficiency in the Regulation of Prostitution and Drugs in the United States”* at LatCrit XVI in San Diego, CA, October 6-10, 2011.

*“The Future of Global Feminism,”* International Feminist Social Forum (held at the World Social Forum in Dakar), February 6-11, 2011 in Dakar, Senegal.

*“Proposed Approaches to Protect Vulnerable Individuals in Post-disaster Areas,”* the 2011 AALS annual meeting, January 2011

*“We Reap What We Sow: Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to Reverse Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies in Mississippi and Haiti,”* the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, September 9-12, 2010, Seton Hall Law School.

*“Implementing the Human rights Curriculum on a Grassroots Level in the K-12 Education Sector,”* invited by the Institute for Popular Education in Mali to develop courses and teach human rights principles to K-12 educators in Mali, July 5-August 9, 2010.

*“The Power of Feminism: a Look at the Intersection of Organic Feminism and the Law,”* Annual Meeting of the International Working Group on Gender and the Law, April 6-11, 2010, Marrakech, Morocco.

*“Bridging the Education Divide Using Human Rights Principles and Jurisprudence,”* Bamako, Mali, organized by the Institute for Popular Education in Mali, February 4-14, 2010.

*“What Does Happiness Have to Do with It? Exploring the Limiting and Inhibiting Effects of the Private and Public Dichotomy in Discrimination Law,”* SEALS 2009 Conference, August 2-9, 2009, Palm Beach, Florida.

*"Structural Determinism and the Environmental Justice Movement: Why Do Haiti and Mississippi Have So Much in Common?" CRT 20 (celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Critical Race Theory Movement), April 2-4, 2009, University of Iowa College of Law.*

*"Out of Many, We Are One: A Look at Civic Humanism as a Tool against Local Governments Abusive Uses of Eminent Domain," LATCRIT XIII, October 2-5, 2008, Seattle University School of Law.*

*"At the Intersection of the Criminalization of Drug-Use and Prostitution: A Look at the Extreme Risks that the Ineffective Regulation of Drugs and Prostitution Cause to Drug-Dependent Women," Working Group on Gender, July 9-12, 2008, Como, Italy. The conference was organized by the Research Committee on Sociology of Law. The conference was sponsored by the Associazione di Studi su Diritto e Società, the Sezione di Sociologia del diritto dell'Associazione Italiana di Sociologia, the University of Milano, the University of Milano-Bicocca, the University of Insubria-Como and the Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale (CNPDS).*

*"Navigating the Topography of Inequality: Possibilities for Equitable Redevelopment in Post-Katrina New Orleans," Law and Society Conference, July 25-28, 2007, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.*

*"Girls Gone Wild and Rape Law: Insuring an Unbiased Application of 'Reasonable Doubt' When the Victim Is Non-Traditional," Conference on Developing the Skills of Storytelling in Law, July 18-20, 2007, City University London, London, UK.*

*"American Males and Brazilian Tourism: Women-Centric Prostitution or A New Twist on An Old Mating Game?" sponsored by the Caribbean Studies Association, May 29-June 1, 2007, Bahia, Brazil.*

*"A Conversation on the Limits and Benefits of the Post-Kelo Application of Eminent Domain," March 24, 2007, sponsored by University of Baltimore's Federalist Society, University of Baltimore.*

*"Love Don't Live Here Anymore: Economic Incentives for More Equitable Models of Urban Redevelopment," Third Annual Property Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurism (PCSE), November 2006, sponsored by Syracuse's Center on Property, Citizenship, and Social Entrepreneurism, Washington D.C.*

*"So Long a Letter: Toward a Women-Centric Form of Polygamy," Emory's Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory School of Law, March 2006.*

*"At The Intersection of Immigration and Domestic Policies: Can Katrina Serve as a Catalyst for Change?" October 2005, LATCRIT X, Puerto-Rico.*

*“Individual Rights and Civil Liberties in Post-911 American Immigration Practices: Do Human Rights Still Matter?”* The Oxford Round Table on Education Law: Individual Rights and Freedom at St. Anne’s College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, July 2005.

*“Popular Culture and the Classroom,”* July 2005, the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Kiawah, South Carolina.

*“Islamic Law Reinterpreted: a Study of Polygamy and Islam Through the Eyes of Islamic Women’s Narratives and Literature,”* presented at the conference on The Power of Stories: Intersections of Law Culture and Literature in Gloucester, England, July 2005. The conference was sponsored by Texas-Wesleyan School of Law, the University of Gloucester, and the Central Gloucester Initiative.

*“Trinidadian Grass-Root Feminists and the Struggle for Self Determination,”* the Global Impact of Feminist Legal Theory Conference, February 2005  
Thomas Jefferson School of Law, sponsored by the Emory’s Feminism and Legal Theory Project, San Diego.

*“Soca and Carnival: An Intersection of Law and Culture in Trinidad,”* the Second National People of Color (POC) Legal Scholarship Conference, October 2004, George Washington School of Law.

*“Towards a More Nuance Haitian Ethic of Resistance,”* The International Conference on Haiti: Re-interpreting the Haitian Revolution and its Cultural Aftershocks, 1804 – 2004, June 2004, University of the West Indies (Trinidad).

*“Transcending the Illusory Black/Latino/a Divide,”* LATCRIT IX, May 2004, Philadelphia.

*“Dance Halls Masquerades Body Protest and the Law: A Presentation of the Female Body as a redemptive Tool against Patriarchy Illustrated by Trinidadian Women’s Body Protest against Trinidad’s Gender-Biased Laws,”* May 2004, University of the West Indies’s Centre For Gender Studies’ Luncheon Series.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Chestnut Sanders Sanders Pettaway Campbell & Albright, Selma, AL Summer 2000

Junior Associate 2002-2003

Conducted research on various civil rights issues and helped litigate civil rights cases, which included Title VII cases and the “Black Farmers Class Action”.

Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY 2001-2002  
Summer 1999 & 2000

Associate in the Corporate Real Estate Department

Conducted extensive research on difficult commercial real estate issues. Drafted and negotiated purchase and sale agreements for commercial and residential property transactions. Reviewed and abstracted leases. Drafted documents in connection with initial public offering and reviewed corporate charters and by-laws. Represented landlords and tenants in connection with office and





Member, Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lecture in Higher Education Committee (University of Memphis), 2007-2008  
Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Minority Groups (AALS), 2007  
Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Civil Rights (AALS), 2007  
Chair of the Section on Civil Rights of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2006  
Chair-Elect and Co-Program Chair of Section on Civil Rights of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2005-2006  
Invited to serve as one of the editors of The Oxford Round Table's Journal on Forum Policy  
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2005-2006  
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006  
Member, Teaching Assignments Committee, 2005-2006  
Faculty Affiliate at the Benjamin Hooks Center for Civil Rights, 2005-2006  
Secretary, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), 2004-2005

**REFERENCES:**

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**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Admitted to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Alabama Supreme Court and the United District Court Southern District of New York.