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## EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin Law School, Associate Professor, 2022-present; Assistant Professor, 2016-22; Affiliated Faculty, 2014-2016. Classes taught: Civil Procedure, Civil Rights, Wrongful Convictions, Race and Law.

Wisconsin Innocence Project, Supervising Attorney, 2010-2014.

Wisconsin State Public Defender, Assigned Counsel, 2008-2010.

Sutton Law Firm, Associate, San Francisco, 2004-2008. Managed litigation representing political candidates, elected officials, and PACs in election and constitutional disputes.

Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, Associate, San Francisco, 2001-2003. Represented clients in corporate, real estate, and trade secret litigation.

Honorable Ming Chin, California Supreme Court, Intern, 2000.

## CLERKSHIP

Honorable Bernice Donald, Federal District Court, 2000-2001.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[\*Race-Based Remedies in Criminal Law\*](#)

63 WILLIAM & MARY L. REV. 219 (2021)

[\*The Invisible Rules That Govern Use of Force\*](#)

593 WISCONSIN L. REV. 2021

[\*Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms\*](#)

63 ARIZONA L. REV. 1 (2021)

(Selected as a “must read” article by the NACDL’s Getting Scholarship into Court Project.)

[\*Flipping the Script on Brady\*](#)

95 INDIANA L. J. 833 (2020)

[\*The Haves of Procedure\*](#)

60 WILLIAM & MARY L. REV. 1765 (2019)

[\*Why Civil and Criminal Procedure Are So Different: A Forgotten History\*](#)

86 FORDHAM L. J. 697 (2017)

[\*The Unbearable Lightness of Criminal Procedure\*](#)

42 AMER. J. CRIM. L. 39 (2014)

[\*Discovery and Darkness: The Information Deficit in Criminal Disputes\*](#)

79 BROOK. L. REV. 1091 (2014)

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reporter, Diversion Standards, American Bar Association, 2015-present. Responsible for drafting nationally distributed guidance to local, state, and federal jurisdictions seeking to implement alternatives to traditional criminal system responses and outcomes. Consulted with policymakers, scholars, and experts in policing, mental health, substance use, prosecution, and defense. With Chair Raul Ayala, represented the Task Force in the ABA's review process. The ABA approved the Black Letter Standards on August 8, 2022. Work is continuing on Commentary, which will be subject to ABA review at a later date.

Co-Chair, Academic Committee, Criminal Justice Section, ABA, 2019-present.

Co-Chair, Procedure and Evidence Committee, Criminal Justice Section, ABA, 2015-2019.

Observer, Military Commission Proceedings, Guantanamo, ABA Representative, March, 2017.

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

ABA Criminal Justice Workshop, Washington D.C., November 5, 2022. Co-Sponsored by the Academy for Justice. Keynote Speaker, United States District Judge Carlton Reeves. 50 participants. Presented, *Prosecutors and Police Shootings*.

ABA Criminal Justice Workshop, Washington D.C., November 12, 2020. Co-Sponsored by the Academy for Justice and the AALS Criminal Justice Section. Keynote Speaker, UC Irvine Law School Dean L. Song Richardson. 50 participants. Presented, *Race-Based Remedies and the Criminal Law*.

*Agency and Race in the Criminal System*, University of Wisconsin Law School, December 5, 2019. Participants included Jeannine Bell, Bennett Capers, Gabriel Chin, Linda Greene, Nancy King, Jennifer Laurin, Jamelia Morgan, Alexandra Natapoff, Emma Shakeshaft, and Jocelyn Simonson. Presentations were well attended by students, faculty, and community members, including Wisconsin Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Milwaukee D.A. John Chisholm, Wisconsin Federal Defender Joe Bugni, and Acting Madison Police Chief Vic Wahl.

ABA Criminal Justice Workshop, Washington D.C., November 7, 2019. Co-sponsored by the AALS Criminal Justice Section. Keynote Speaker, Osamudia James. 20 participants. Presented, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*.

## PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Decarceration Law Professors Papers Workshop, *Straight Up Murder*, June 20, 2022.

Invited speaker, Wisconsin Legal Association for Woman, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, May 12, 2021.

Invited speaker, New York Law School, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, February 2, 2021.

Invited speaker, Dane County Bar Association, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, November 10, 2020.

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Invited presenter, Closing Plenary, ABA Criminal Justice Section Fall Institute, November 20, 2020, *Confronting our History: The Role of Race in the Criminal Legal System*. Presented with Hon. Bernice B. Donald (Sixth Circuit), Hon. Carlton Reeves (S.D. Miss.), Jeffrey Robinson (Dep. Dir. ACLU), Angela Davis (American University), Barbara Creel (Univ. of New Mexico).

Panel organizer, *Agency, Dignity, and Race in the Formation and Implementation of Criminal Procedure* (panel selected by Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Section), AALS Annual Meeting, January 4, 2020, Washington D.C. Presented with Valena Beety, Bennett Capers, Jamelia Morgan, Jocelyn Simonson.

Speaker, Minnesota Law School Colloquium, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, September 26, 2019.

Invited speaker, Emory Law School Colloquium, *Constructing Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, September 11, 2019.

Presenter, *The Creation of Separate and Unequal Courtrooms*, CrimFest, Brooklyn Law School, July 15, 2019.

Presenter, *The Quiet Expansion of Prosecutorial Power*, CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, July 16, 2018.

Panel organizer, "Conditions of the Criminal System in Historical Context," Toronto, June 8, 2018. Presented with Gabriel Chin, Benjamin Levin, Thomas Frampton, Sarah Seo, and Aya Gruber.

Speaker, *The Haves of Procedure*, Junior Faculty Exchange, Marquette University, February 20, 2018.

Presenter, *The Haves of Procedure*, Works-in-Progress Conference, Marquette University, September 30, 2017.

Invited speaker, *Criminal Justice and Equity*, Wisconsin Department of Instruction, July 18, 2017.

Presenter, *The Haves and Have-Nots of Procedure*, CrimFest, American University Law School, June 13, 2017.

Panel discussant, "Recidivism," CrimFest, American University Law School, June 12, 2017.

Presenter, *Diversion/Specialized Courts Standards*, ABA Council Meeting, Jackson, May 7, 2017.

Panelist, *Diversion/Specialized Courts Standards*, Criminal Justice Section Meeting, ABA, Jackson, May 5, 2017.

Lecture, *Visit as Observer to a Terrorist Trial at GITMO*, Presentation to campus faculty and students, April 25, 2017.

Speaker, *Why Civil and Criminal Law Are So Different: A Forgotten History*, Junior Faculty Exchange, Seattle University of Law, March 21, 2017.

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Presenter, *Diversion and Specialized Court Standards*, ABA Standards Committee, December 10, 2016, Chicago.

Presenter, Dean's Summit, Presentation of Research, *The Reason for the Difference Between Civil and Criminal Procedure: A Forgotten History*, University of Wisconsin Law School, November 11, 2016.

Presenter, *First Monday Supreme Court Review*, University of Wisconsin Law School, Presentation to Alumni, September 16, 2016.

Presenter, *Supreme Court Summer Series, Utah v. Strieff*, University of Wisconsin, July 27, 2016.

Presenter, *The Lightness of the Prosecutor's Burden*, CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, June 2015.

Discussant, "Criminal Justice Institutions" Panel, CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, June 2015.

Organizer and Discussant, University of Wisconsin Center for the Humanities, Workshop with Khalil Gibran Muhammad on *Condemnation of Blackness*, University of Wisconsin, June 2015.

Panelist, *Defining Excessive Force*, University of Wisconsin Law School, April 2015. Attended by faculty, students, and community members following shooting death of Tony Robinson.

Presenter, *The Lightness of the Prosecutor's Burden*, ABA Criminal Justice Academic Section Workshop, Washington D.C., October 2014.

Presenter, *The Unbearable Lightness of Criminal Procedure*, Big Ten Junior Faculty Conference, University of Indiana Law School, August 2014.

Presenter, *Opposition to Proposed Changes to Preliminary Hearings*, Judicial Council of Wisconsin Hearing, June 2014.

Panelist, *The Different Possibilities of a Law Professor*, Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, June 2014.

Presenter, *The Unbearable Lightness of Criminal Procedure*, CrimFest, Rutgers Law, June 2014.

Discussant, "Pretrial Defense Issues" Panel, CrimFest, Rutgers Law School, June 2014.

Presenter, *The Unbearable Lightness of Criminal Procedure*, Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, May 2014.

Presenter, *Discovery and Darkness*, AALS Criminal Justice Conference, San Diego, June 2013.

Presenter, *Discovery and Darkness*, Law and Society Association, Boston, May 2013.

Presenter, *Brady, The Information Deficit in Criminal Law, and Wrongful Convictions*, Innocence Network Conference, Charlotte, April 2013.

Presenter, *Beyond Brady: Addressing Limitations on Pre-trial and Postconviction Discovery*, Innocence Network Conference, Kansas City, March 2012.

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## MEDIA

### Op-eds and invited submissions

*What the Kyle Rittenhouse verdict means for carrying open firearms*, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, December 12, 2021, [https://madison.com/opinion/column/ion-meyn-what-the-kyle-rittenhouse-verdict-means-for-carrying-open-firearms-in-wisconsin/article\\_e5793161-4e62-538d-bb76-3540c3247d3a.html](https://madison.com/opinion/column/ion-meyn-what-the-kyle-rittenhouse-verdict-means-for-carrying-open-firearms-in-wisconsin/article_e5793161-4e62-538d-bb76-3540c3247d3a.html)

*Kyle Rittenhouse not guilty verdict reveals the true value of life in Wisconsin*, NBC NEWS, November 19, 2021, [https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/kyle-rittenhouse-not-guilty-verdict-reveal-true-value-life-wisconsin-ncna1284131?cid=sm\\_npd\\_nn\\_tw\\_ma](https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/kyle-rittenhouse-not-guilty-verdict-reveal-true-value-life-wisconsin-ncna1284131?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma)

LAWFARE, *The Invisible Rules That Govern Police Use of Force*, Lawfare, June 8, 2021, [www.lawfareblog.com/invisible-rules-govern-police-use-force](http://www.lawfareblog.com/invisible-rules-govern-police-use-force)

Op-ed, *The Playbook to Avoid Accountability for State Acts of Violence*, CAP TIMES, October 1, 2020, [https://madison.com/ct/opinion/column/ion-meyn-the-playbook-to-avoid-accountability-for-state-acts-of-violence/article\\_bbe3e1ad-334f-5c07-a93f-55944c685269.html](https://madison.com/ct/opinion/column/ion-meyn-the-playbook-to-avoid-accountability-for-state-acts-of-violence/article_bbe3e1ad-334f-5c07-a93f-55944c685269.html)

*Criminal Defense Attorney's Burden*, ABA GP SOLO MAGAZINE, V. 31, No. 5 (2014).

### Television

*Jury deliberations continue in Rittenhouse trial, law professor breaks down case*, FOX NEWS 6, November 19, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/news/jury-deliberations-continue-in-rittenhouse-trial-law-professor-weighs-in>

*Jury deliberations continue in Rittenhouse trial, law professor breaks down case*, FOX NEWS 6, November 18, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/news/jury-deliberations-continue-in-rittenhouse-trial-law-professor-breaks-down-case>

*Law professor discusses jury deliberations*, FOX NEWS 6, Milwaukee, November 16, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/video/1002608>

*Law professor discusses Rittenhouse trial*, FOX NEWS 6, Milwaukee, November 15, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/news/kyle-rittenhouse-trial-defense-attorney-michael-hart>

*Law professor on case, closing arguments*, FOX NEWS 6 (3 live afternoon and evening newscasts), Milwaukee, November 12, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/news/kyle-rittenhouse-trial-closing-arguments-preview>

*Law professor breaks down case*, FOX NEWS 6 (live evening newscast), Milwaukee, November 7, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8NA24HhMus>

*UW-Madison law professor discusses Chauvin verdict*, FOX NEWS 6 (live evening newscast), Milwaukee, April 20, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/video/924074>

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*\$40M in MPD police misconduct settlements paid out in 10 years*, Fox 6 NEWS, February 24, 2021, <https://www.fox6now.com/news/report-40m-in-mpd-police-misconduct-settlements-paid-out-in-10-years>

*Breaking down the decision to not charge Kenosha police officer*, TMJ4 NEWS (live evening newscast), January 5, 2021, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKdkc6EJyzo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKdkc6EJyzo)

Invited guest, *Policing a Democracy: Qualified Immunity & Use of Force*, THE ADVOCATE'S SOCIETY podcast, September 3, 2020, <https://podcastaddict.com/episode/112207083>

*Documents on Officer Joseph Mensah seem to contradict each other*, TMJ4 NEWS (evening newscast), October 8, 2020, <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/documents-on-officer-joseph-mensah-seem-to-contradict-each-other>

*Treatment of Capital rioters inconsistent with treatment of protesters of color*, TMJ4 NEWS, January 7, 2021, <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/treatment-of-capitol-rioters-inconsistent-with-treatment-of-protesters-of-color>

## Radio/podcasts

*Wisconsin lawsuit works to reform public defender system*, Central Time, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, August 29, 2022, <https://www.wpr.org/listen/1997931>

*Buffalo mass shooter charged with federal hate crimes*, KCBS RADIO, June 16, 2022, <https://omny.fm/shows/kcbsam-on-demand/copy-of-buffalo-shooter-charged>

*Two prosecutors accused a man of plotting to murder one of them. Years later, a different story emerged*, Open and Shut podcast, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, April 20, 2022, <https://www.wpr.org/openandshut/two-prosecutors-accused-man-plotting-murder-one-them-years-later-different-story-emerged>

*Minneapolis police officer, who fatally shot Amir Locke, eludes charges*, KCBS RADIO, April 6, 2022, <https://www.audacy.com/kcbsradio/podcasts/kcbs-on-demand-20757/minneapolis-police-officer-who-fatally-shot-amir-locke-eludes-charges-1347261469>

*Police Do Not Belong in Schools*, WORT, October 2, 2021, <https://www.wortfm.org/police-do-not-belong-in-schools/>

*What Determines Use of Force by Police?*, Central Time, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, June 8, 2021 [www.wpr.org/what-determines-use-force-police](http://www.wpr.org/what-determines-use-force-police)

*What's Behind 2020 Declines in Wisconsin Jail and Prison Inmate Numbers*, Central Time, WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, March 26, 2021, <https://www.wpr.org/whats-behind-2020-declines-wisconsin-jail-and-prison-inmate-numbers>

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## Quoted in written publications

*Why the FBI Might Want Scott Perry's Personal Cellphone*, NEWSWEEK, August 11, 2022, [https://www.newsweek.com/why-fbi-might-want-scott-perrys-personal-cellphone-1733026?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR348LWAoZ\\_n4TbRoCHvcIFX XceQWzrxvvgIis5fhsFNxKyI4SN3G--1YqI#Echobox=1660244823](https://www.newsweek.com/why-fbi-might-want-scott-perrys-personal-cellphone-1733026?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR348LWAoZ_n4TbRoCHvcIFX XceQWzrxvvgIis5fhsFNxKyI4SN3G--1YqI#Echobox=1660244823)

*Editorial Roundup: Wisconsin*, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, July 20, 2022, <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/wisconsin/articles/2022-07-21/editorial-roundup-wisconsin>

*A hammer in search of a nail: Wisconsin AG candidate prosecutes eligible voters for address snafus*, WISCONSIN WATCH, July 9, 2022, <https://wisconsinwatch.org/2022/07/a-hammer-in-search-of-a-nail-wisconsin-ag-candidate-prosecutes-eligible-voters-for-address-snafus/>

*Trump May Have Missed His Opportunity to Stick it to Hillary Clinton*, NEWSWEEK, May 6, 2022, <https://www.newsweek.com/trump-may-have-missed-his-opportunity-stick-it-hillary-clinton-1704229>

*Lawyers caution against push to change bail system after Waukesha tragedy*, WISCONSIN EXAMINER, December 3, 2021, <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2021/12/03/lawyers-push-against-knee-jerk-calls-for-punitive-policies-after-waukesha-tragedy/>

*Will Rittenhouse acquittal lead to more armed confrontations at protests?* LOS ANGELES TIMES, November 19, 2021, <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-11-19/i-find-this-so-troubling-will-rittenhouse-verdict-lead-to-more-armed-confrontations>

*Rittenhouse Jury Enters 24 Hours of Deliberation, Likely to Worry Defense, Experts Say*, NEWSWEEK, November 19, 2021, <https://www.newsweek.com/rittenhouse-jury-enters-24-hours-deliberation-likely-worry-defense-experts-say-1651226>

*Jury in Kyle Rittenhouse Trial Has Deliberated for 23 Hours With No Verdict*, NEW YORK TIMES, November 18, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/18/us/kyle-rittenhouse-jury-deliberations.html>

*Controversy Over Thin Blue Line Flag*, URBAN MILWAUKEE, February 2, 2021, <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2021/02/02/controversy-over-thin-blue-line-flag/>.

*Kenosha County's DA has strong words for city over lack of body cameras*, TMJ4 News, January 7, 2021, <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/kenosha-countys-da-has-strong-words-for-city-over-lack-of-body-cameras>.

*Trump, DOJ say \$41 million coming to Wisconsin law enforcement, but specifics unclear*, WISCONSIN EXAMINER, September 3, 2020, <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2020/09/03/trump-doj-say-41-million-coming-to-wisconsin-law-enforcement-but-specifics-unclear/>.

*Words matter. How do the police use them?*, WISCONSIN EXAMINER, July 16, 2020, <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2020/07/16/words-matter-how-do-the-police-use-them/>.

*Defund the Police: What does it mean, why does it matter and what could it look like here?*, WISCONSIN EXAMINER, June 9, 2020, <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2020/06/09/defund-the-police-what-does-it-mean/>

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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Hastings, J.D., 2000

University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A., 1996

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center Committee, Chair, 2021-22

DEI Committee, 2021-22

Petitions Committee, 2018-21

Faculty Senate, 2020-21

Hastie Fellowship Committee, Chair, 2019-20

Graduate Program Committee, 2019-20

Curriculum Committee, 2018-19

Clerkship Committee, 2012-18 (Chair 2016-18)

Legal Education Opportunities Committee, 2014-18

Self-Study Committee, LLM-LI Program, Chair, 2017

## **FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Brittingham Foundation Award, supporting the visit of Justice Geraldine Hines (Spring 2019).

University of Wisconsin Graduate School Grant Competition (2016, 2017, 2018).

Morgridge Grant, Awarded in 2012. Authored application on behalf of Wisconsin Innocence Project for \$30,000 in funding to expand clinical student enrollment.

Department of Justice Wrongful Conviction Grant, Awarded in 2011. Assisted in drafting application for \$250,000 in funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.