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Education

- 2020 PhD, Stony Brook University, History
Dissertation title: *“The Murdered Jewess” and the Problem of Citizenship in the Courtroom in 1876 New York.*
- 2011 Completed First Year at CUNY Law School
- 2009 B.A. Barnard College, American Studies
Thesis title: *Trying the Lynchers: An Exploration of the Montana Vigilantes Through Historical Scholarship.*

Academic Experience

- July 2022 Visiting Assistant Professor of African American History at Washington and Lee University
- Spring 2022 US History 1865 – Present (Queens College)
A Global History of Criminal Law (Queens College)
The Peopling of New York (Macaulay Honors College)
- Fall 2021 African American History to 1863, Lecturer (Princeton University)
- Spring 2021 The Peopling of New York (Macaulay Honors College)
Planning the Future of New York (Macaulay Honors College)
Race and Law in US History (Bard Early College Program)
- Fall 2020 American History to 1865 (CUNY Queens College)
US History (Bard Early College Program)
- Spring 2020 Black History in the United States: 1865-Present (Adelphi University)
- Spring 2020 The Black Experience in US History, TA (Stony Brook)
- Fall 2019 American People I (SUNY Old Westbury)
Social Movements (SUNY Old Westbury)
American History to 1865 (CUNY Queens College)
- Spring 2019 Race and Law in American History (Adelphi)
- Fall 2018 Black History to 1865; The Civil Rights Movement (Adelphi)
- Fall 2017 Race and Law in American History (Adelphi)
- Winter 2017 Gilded Age scandals (Stony Brook)
- Fall 2017 Diseases in American History, TA (Stony Brook)
- Winter 2016 The History of Sexuality and the Law in 20th Century US (online)
- Fall 2015 American History Until 1877, TA (Stony Brook)
- Summer 2015 Adult GED Class for Women’s Prison Association
- Spring 2015 American History 1919-Present, TA, (Stony Brook)
- Fall 2014 The Cold War, TA (Stony Brook)
- Spring 2014 Law and History in Early America, TA (Stony Brook)
- Fall 2013 Crime and Criminal Justice in American History, TA (Stony Brook)

Academic Publications

- 2022 “Peculiar Jews: The Trial of Pesach Rubenstein and Antisemitism in Late Nineteenth-Century New York” forthcoming issue of *Docket (Law and History Review online)*

- 2020 “*Ten Thousand Bigamists in New York:*” *The Criminalization of Jewish Immigrants Using White Slavery Panics on Gotham: A Blog for Scholars of New York City History* (October 27, 2020)
- 2020 *Amy Cooper played the damsel in distress. That trope has a troubling history on The Washington Post* “Made by History” Blog (May 28, 2020)
- 2016 Review of *The Great New Orleans Kidnapping Case: Race, Law and Justice in the Reconstruction Era* by Michael Ross, *Law and History Review*, volume 34, issue 01, pp. 239-241.

Conference Papers

- 2022 American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Scholars Conference at Tulane University, May 15-17
“White Slavery Trials and Anti-Jewish Criminalization”
- 2022 Law vs. Antisemitism Conference at IU McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 13-14, 2022.
“The Oath of a Jew’: Anti-Jewish Bigotry and Stereotypes in Criminal Courtrooms in the United States.”
- 2020 Africana Studies Colloquium at Stony Brook University May 7
“The Citizen Other: Implicit Exclusion and the Changing Role of Citizenship in the Nineteenth Century”
- 2019 History of Punishment and Incarceration at Adelphi February 14
“Incarcerating Women and the Criminalization of Sexuality in Nineteenth Century United States”
- 2016 Life and Law in Rural America at Princeton March 25-26, 2016
“Montana Vigilantes and the Legacy of Vigilantism”
- 2014 Women Across Time at Georgia State March 28, 2014
“The Beautiful Female Murder Victim and the Patriarchal Appropriation of Nineteenth Century Murdered Women”

Public Appearances and Interviews

- 2022 “Black and Jewish views on Critical Race Theory with Janet Dewart Bell, Mia Brett, Eric K. Ward and Nadine Epstein” hosted by The Wide River Project, a yearlong, joint initiative of Western States Center and *Moment Magazine* (March 18, 2022)
- 2021 “Moment Debate | Is Critical Race Theory a Threat to Education?” (September 8, 2021)
- 2021 Appearance on *Beyond Politics* for WKXL in Concord, New Hampshire
“A Turning Point on Abortion in America.” (August 26, 2021)
- 2020 Braver Angels Debate on Cancel Culture (September 17, 2020)
- 2020 Voting Rights Panel at Brentwood Library (February 27, 2020)
- 2018 Spoke at Manhattan Young Democrats Feminist Advocacy mini conference for Women’s History Month

Social Justice Work

- 2017-2020 Cofounder of All Women’s Progress Think Tank (formerly a political advocacy group dedicated to women and marginalized groups)

- Organized the Win With Women Conference featuring Tarana Burke, Kristen Clarke, Dr. Ibram Kendi, Rebecca Cokley, Ijeoma Oluo, Shannon Watts. Covering topics such as criminal justice reform, disability rights, gun reform, voter suppression, anti-racism, the MeToo Movement, environmental justice
- Led voting rights actions such as “Voter Empowerment Day” dedicated to empowering voters to overcome voter suppression through education

Freelance Writing

Weekly Legal History Columnist at *Alternet* (March, 2021 – Present)

“The back alley abortion in ‘Dirty Dancing’ hits different right now” on *Mic*, 6/16/2022

“What This Anti-Abortion Lawmaker Gets Wrong About Jewish Women and Sex” on *Rewire News Group*, 3/9/2022

“None Dare Call it an Insurrection” on *Washington Monthly*, 8/12/2021

“Who’s afraid of ‘Critical Race Theory’? Jews should embrace the right’s latest bogeyman” on *The Forward*, 12/7/2020

“Amy Coney Barrett Wants to Decide If You’re Virtuous Enough to Vote” on *Rewire News Group*, 10/13/2020

“Why Voter Suppression is a Woman’s Issue” on *Supermajority News*, 8/21/2020

“The US Tax Code’s Invisible Biases” on *Women’s Media Center*, 7/8/2020

“5 Ethical Companies Delivering Menstrual Products Right Now” on *Hey Alma*, 8/1/2020

“White Men Aren’t Worried About Trump’s Twitter Harassment. That’s Because They’re Rarely His Target.” on *The Forward*, 10/30/19

“Many in media distort the framing of #MeToo” on *Women’s Media Center* 7/24/2019

“3 Concrete Ways to Help Families Separated At the Border” on *Hey Alma*, 6/24/2019

“4 Concrete Ways to Fight Anti-Abortion Laws” on *Hey Alma* 5/13/19