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## **Institutional Affiliations**

### **South Texas College of Law Houston, TX, 2003-present**

#### Professor of Law

Property  
Civil Procedure  
Constitutional Law  
First Amendment  
The Politics of Race  
International Human Rights  
Law, Power and Privilege (discussion group)

#### Committee Appointments

Chair, International Programs (2009-present)  
Promotion, Tenure and Retention (2009-present)  
Student Appeals (2006-09)  
Curriculum (2007-09)  
GLBT Scholarship Committee (2004-07)  
Admissions (2004-07)  
Diversity (2004-07)  
Consortium for Innovative Legal Education (2005-07)

#### Faculty Advisor

ACLU @ STCL  
Law Students For Choice

### **New York University Law School New York, NY, 2000-2001**

#### Derrick Bell Teaching Fellow

Constitutional Law  
Supreme Court Decisionmaking

## **Leadership and Community Service**

AALS Hurricane Katrina Honor Roll (2010)  
Hurricane Katrina Law Clinic, Faculty Supervisor, New Orleans, LA (Winter 2007-08)  
“Local Hero,” Houston Bar Award for relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina (2006)  
ACLU, Houston Chapter, Board Member (2004-2006)  
Refugee Services Volunteer (2005)

### **Notable Achievements**

Disaster Response Law & Policy  
Center, Founder

LexisNexis Author

Derrick Bell Teaching Fellow  
New York University Law School

## **Publications**

### **Journal Articles, Book Reviews and Essays**

*Time Warp: A Review of* RAYMOND WOLTERS, RACE AND EDUCATION 1954-2007, Am. J. Legal History \_\_\_\_ (2010)

*Speak No Evil: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Power and Privilege in Judicial Opinions*, (submission pending)

*Witness*, 31 Thurgood Marshall L. Rev. 531 (2006), reprinted in THE HURRICANE KATRINA CRISIS READER, THE CRITICAL BLACK STUDIES SERIES (2008)

*Sexualized Advocacy: The Ascendant Backlash Against Female Lawyers*, 18 Yale J.L. Feminism 191 (2006)

*Authenticating American Democracy*, 26 Pace L. Rev. 397 (2006)

*Mixed Motives: Regarding Race and Racial Fortuity*, a review of DERRICK BELL, SILENT COVENANTS: BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE UNFULFILLED HOPES FOR RACIAL REFORM, 23 Constitutional Commentary 271 (2006)

*Why The University Of Michigan Should Win In Grutter And Gratz*, 63 La. L. Rev. 697 (2003)(with Michael Higginbotham)

*Contraceptive Coverage Under Student Health Insurance Plans: Title IX As A Remedy For Sex Discrimination*, 54 U. Miami L. Rev. 157 (2000)

### **Course Materials and Reference Sources**

FIRST AMENDMENT, SKILLS AND VALUES SERIES, LexisNexis, *forthcoming* (2009)

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (2008)

Essay Entry: Critiques of *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)

Case Entries: *Van Orden v. Perry*, 545 U.S. 677 (2005)

*Locke v. Davey*, 540 U.S. 712 (2004)

*Johnson v. Transportation Agency, Santa Clara County*, 480 U.S. 616 (1987)

*Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629 (1968)

*Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964)

## **Works in Progress**

*Making the Cold War Case for Brown v. Board of Education, A Response to Critics*

THE ILLUSTRATED FIRST AMENDMENT: CASES AND MATERIALS FOR ENGAGED LEARNING

## **Internet Commentary**

*The Faculty Lounge*, <http://www.thefacultylounge.org>  
co-founder

*First Amendment Law Prof Blog*, <http://lawprofessors.com/firstamendment>  
co-editor

## **Rule of Law Development and International Faculty Exchange**

### **The Republic of Turkey (scheduled 2010)**

Conference Organizer: Twenty-First Century Lawyering

### **Kampala, Uganda (2009)**

Guest Lecturer: Persuasive Advocacy and The Rule of Law (Uganda Law Society, Kampala and Mbarara districts)

Presenter: Persuasive advocacy workshop (Makerere University)

### **Istanbul, Turkey, Bahcesehir University**

Conference Organizer: Conference on Legal Pedagogy (2008)

Course Instructor: International Human Rights (2007)

Guest Lecturer: Constitutional Law and Individual Rights (2006)

### **Monterrey, Mexico, Facultad Libre De Derecho de Monterrey (2008)**

Conference Organizer and Presenter: Global Legal Skills Conference III

### **Nairobi, Kenya (2007)**

Participant: Conference on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing

## Academic Presentations and Conferences

Symposium on Women and the Economy (2009)

Rutgers University Law School, Camden

Presenter: Women's Economic Recovery From Disaster

Critical Race Theory 20 Conference (2009)

University of Iowa Law School

Presenter: Power and Privilege in the Language of the Law

Northeast People of Color Scholarship Conference (2008)

Boston University Law School

Commentator: Junior Faculty Works in Progress Session

Law Faculty Speaker Series (2008)

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Presenter: *The Cold War Case for Brown v. Board of Education, A Response to Critics*

Northeast People of Color Scholarship Conference (2007)

Southern New England School of Law

Presenter: *The Cold War Case for Brown v. Board of Education, A Response to Critics*

Anti-Defamation League/Thompson & Knight, First Amendment Panel (2007)

South Texas College of Law

Presenter: *Establishment Clause and Religious Displays* (with Professor Erwin Chemerinsky)

National Pantsuit Day: Gender Inequality in the Legal Profession (2007)

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Keynote Speaker: *Sexualized Advocacy Among Female Lawyers*

Symposium: The Commodification of Sex (2006)

Yale Law School, Journal of Law and Feminism

Panelist: *Sexualized Advocacy Among Female Lawyers*

Southeast/Southwest People of Color Scholarship Conference (2006)

University of New Mexico School of Law

Presenter: *Race, Class, and the Sexualized Violence of Natural Disaster*

Association for Cultural Studies Crossroads Conference (2006)

Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Presenter: *Human Rights, Sexual Assault and the Risks of Natural Disaster*

Constitution Day Celebration (2006)  
South Texas College of Law  
Panelist: *Judicial Independence*

Symposium: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (2005)  
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Panelist: *Race and Gender Inside the Houston Astrodome*

Southeast/Southwest People of Color Scholarship Conference (2005)  
Tulane University Law School  
Presenter: *The Cold War Case for Brown v. Board of Education*

South Eastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (2004)  
Kiawa Island, North Carolina  
Presenter: *Ghosts of Jim Crow: Racial Separation In A Post-Brown Era*

ACLU@STCL/Student Federalist Society (2004)  
South Texas College of Law  
Panelist: *Restoring the Lost Constitution* (with Professor Randy E. Barnett)

## **Community Presentations**

ACLU of Houston/River Oaks Democrats (2007)  
Presenter: *The First Amendment Under the USA PATRIOT Act*

Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education (2004)  
Panelist: *Diversity and the Legal Profession*

Houston Bar Association Joint Faculty Meeting (2004)  
Panelist: *Commemorating Brown v. Board of Education*

## **Legal Experience**

**Sarrouf, Tarricone & Flemming, Boston, MA, 2003**  
Plaintiffs' counsel in employment discrimination, civil rights and personal injury litigation.

**Day, Berry & Howard, LLP, Boston, MA, 2001-2002**  
Litigation associate concentrating in employment and commercial disputes for large general practice firm.

**The Honorable Joette Katz, Supreme Court of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, 1999-2000**  
Judicial Clerk for Associate Justice of state's highest court.

**Pro Bono Services and Internships**

Volunteer Lawyers Project, Boston, MA, 2001-2002

Maryland Public Interest Law Fellowship, ACLU of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, Summer 1997

United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs, Office of Legal Counsel, New York, NY, Spring 1997

Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plain, MA, Summer 1995

**Education****New York University Law School, New York, NY**

LL.M., Constitutional Law concentration

**University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD**

J.D., magna cum laude

University of Baltimore Law Review, Associate Manuscript Editor

Honors: Order of the Coif, Service and Achievement Awards; Law Scholar; AmJur/High Grade Award in Constitutional Law, Race and the Law, Torts and Federal Income Tax

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**

B.A., Sociology

Independent Honors Program

**Bar Admissions**

State of New York

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

District of Massachusetts